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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of claims 1, 3-6, 14, 15 and 21 in the reply filed on 4/5/2006 is acknowledged.

Claim Objections

Claim 14 is objected to because of the following informalities: It is dependent on a non-elected claim. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102


The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3-6, 14, 15 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Niehoff (US 5,662,612).

Claims 1, 3, 14, 15 and 21: Niehoff discloses in Figure 1a a syringe comprising a barrel (10) comprising a conical front wall and a discharge tip; a plunger (12) having a forwardly facing surface of a slope conforming to the conical front wall; and a knurled extension member (14) not extending outside the barrel in at least one position adapted to be enveloped by a coupling mechanism (18) (column 1, lines 62-65), wherein the knurls are oriented transversely to and about a longitudinal axis and the extension is free of aperture extending therethrough.


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Claims 4, 5, and 6: Niehoff discloses in Figures 1a and 2B the syringe comprising a radially outwardly extending annular flange to facilitate with an injector mating section.

Response to Arguments

1. The declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed 10/25/2005 is insufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 14, 15, and 21 based upon the declaration being considered but being moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-6, 14, 15 and 21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Catherine N. Witczak whose telephone number is (571) 272-7179. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8-5 EST.

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